

AGENDA

Sanford Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council Meeting

April 15, 2014 1:30pm

Homeland Security Conference Room

City Hall, 9th Floor

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2013 Meeting**
- IV. Opening Remarks**
- V. Old Business**
- VI. New Business**
 - a. Priorities for Criminal Justice System**
 - b. Grant Matters**
- VII. Closing Remarks/Adjournment**
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned**

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff New Orleans
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting
April 15, 2014 Minutes

On April 15, 2014, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) convened at 1:44 p.m. in the 9th floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. Charles West called the roll. The following persons were present/absent:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Councilmembers

Present:

Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu, Chairman
Honorable Susan Guidry
First Deputy Mayor/CAO Andy Kopplin
Honorable Leon Cannizaro
Honorable Chief Judge Benedict Willard
Honorable Desiree Charbonnet
Mr. Derwyn Bunton
Ms. Sharonda Williams
Honorable Bobby Jones
Ms. Thelma French
Mr. David Kent
Judge Calvin Johnson
Dr. John Penny

Absent:

Superintendent Ronal Serpas
Honorable Stacy Head
Honorable Arthur Morrell
Honorable Ernestine Gray
Honorable Dr. Frank Minyard
Mr. Frank Palestina
Mr. Kelly Clement
Honorable Marlin Gusman
Honorable Jackie Clarkson
Ms. Melanie Talia

Criminal Justice Coordinating Councilmember Proxies

Ms. Tiffany Danna for Honorable Arthur Morrell
Dr. Jeff Rouse for Honorable Frank Minyard

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff

Present:

Maria-Kay Chetta
George Lawrence
Tuan R. Brown
Louise Gray

Absent:

Col. Jerry Sneed, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety
Rodney Dejoie

Call to Order/Roll Call

On behalf of Mayor Landrieu, Charles West called the meeting to order at 1:44pm in the Homeland Security Conference Room on the 9th floor of City Hall.

Mr. West states that there is not yet a quorum and makes a motion to call to order in the absence of a quorum.

Judge Bobby Jones moves to proceed without a quorum.

Mr. West called roll of councilmembers.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. West asked for someone to make a motion to approve the October 11, 2013 meeting minutes.

Ms. Thelma French made the motion to approve.

Judge Jones seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Opening Remarks

Mr. West welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly the two new citizen-at-large members, Dr. John Penny and Judge Calvin Johnson. Mr. West invited them to speak.

Dr. Penny thanks the council and Judge Johnson.

Mayor Landrieu also welcomes Dr. Rouse, the recently elected coroner who will succeed Dr. Frank Minyard on the Council, and Judge Willard, another new councilmember.

Old Business

There is no old business.

New Business

Mayor Landrieu announces his new priorities for the Council – better communication, better information sharing, and overall cooperation.

The Mayor invites the Council to comment, starting with Councilmember Susan Guidry.

Councilmember Guidry and Honorable Desiree Charbonnet comment and agree with the Mayor's new priorities.

Mr. West asks Councilmembers to record their priorities on a sheet of paper handed to them before the meeting.

Ms. Thelma French suggests that the new councilmembers be given a map of funding available for criminal justice programs so that they may have context.

Mr. West says he will share the annual report of funding with the new councilmembers.

Mr. West directs the council to look at the ordinance and says there will be a new focus on research and analysis and will include subcommittees to identify and implement best practices. The two new subcommittees will focus on 1) Information sharing, and 2) Pretrial Services.

Grant Matters – Consideration of FY2013 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) allocation in the amount of \$29,447.

The only applicant, the Juvenile Court, requested support for a program called GROWW.

The Mayor asks Honorable Mark Doherty from the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court to present a brief description of the proposal.

Judge Doherty said the program would provide a pretrial service as an alternative to detention particularly for girls, as no such programs exist. The program will offer tutoring, counselling, employment, and other opportunities for young women that will deter them from additional trouble and aide them in appearing at court on time.

Mayor Landrieu asks if there are any questions. There are none.

Mr. West requests that someone move to allocate the FY13 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funds to Juvenile Court for GROWW.

Councilmember Guidry moves.

Judge Willard seconds.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Motion passes.

Mr. West asked councilmembers to record their votes on their vote sheets.

Mr. West introduced Ms. Sarah Yancey from Tulane University to present on the findings of the Mayor's Strategic Command to Reduce Murders research.

Ms. Yancey presents the Murder and Non-Fatal Shootings Data Report from January 2012 – December 2013. During her presentation, she welcomes comments and questions.

Councilmember Guidry asks why prior year assaults are not included in the report.

Ms. Yancey says that the report reflects the time the incident occurs, not what happens after the incident. For instance, when an individual is shot in 2013 but dies in 2014, the incident is recorded as occurring in 2013.

Mr. West, Mayor Landrieu, and Ms. Yancey again clarify this data.

Dr. Rouse asks whether the increase or decrease in murders or non-fatal shootings is supposed to be statistically significant.

Ms. Yancey says no.

Mr. Bunton asks why certain neighborhoods were excluded.

Ms. Yancey remarks that only neighborhoods with a certain minimum threshold of violent acts were included.

Mr. Bunton remarks on the presentation of the data.

Mr. West says he will distribute the long report with all data and percentages to the Council.

There is some clarification between Mayor Landrieu and Ms. Yancey regarding the correlation or lack thereof between the number of murders and non-violent shootings.

Mr. Penny restates the need for better communication and information sharing in order to best utilize the resources the City already has.

Mayor Landrieu asks that the Council cooperate with the Innovation Delivery Team in moving forward with his new priorities for the Council.

Mayor Landrieu asks for public comment. There is none.

Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Mr. West says that since the Council voted on the allocation of FY2013 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funds to Juvenile Court for GROWW without a quorum, at the next meeting they will need to ratify the votes once there is a quorum, and that the Juvenile Court will not be awarded funds until that time.

Mr. West asks for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Guidry motions.

Judge Willard seconds.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Meeting is adjourned at 2:28pm.